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## Adults, children invited to attend Shamrock Run April 2 at school

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The 15th annual Shamrock Run and the 8th annual Leprechaun Fun Run are a yearly tradition at O'Gorman for children, students, faculty and parents.

Children can run a quarter mile, a half mile, and a mile race. The 5k and two mile run is open to all ages and skill levels. The run is scheduled for April 2 at O'Gorman.

The run is followed by an award ceremony for the Shamrock runners and the handing out of medals to all of the Leprechaun runners. This is all before a lunch from Big Rib Barbecue in the O'Gorman High School cafeteria. Participants will also receive a t-shirt.

The Shamrock run is a fundraiser geared to raise money for the O'Gorman Booster club and financially supporting O'Gorman athletes.

"We are hoping for beautiful weather and a record turnout," said events and marketing specialist Maren Jensen.

Last year's turnout consisted of 70 children in the Leprechaun Fun Run and 246 in the Shamrock 5k and the two mile walk. This total came to more than \$11,400 raised.

The registration is \$20 before March 17 and \$25 after that date for the elementary events. It is \$30 before March 17 and \$35 after that date for the Shamrock run.



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The oral interpretation team stands with their awards after the national qualifier. Eight interpers and four debaters will be competing at the national tournament in June. For more on the qualifier see page 3.

## SFCS teachers may see salary increase

Shreya Chandran  
Editor-in-Chief

As the possibility of a salary raise for public school teachers arises, speculation of a similar change in Sioux Falls Catholic schools (SFCS) teachers has begun to spread.

SFCS have proposed a salary raise, the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools Teacher and Staff Salary Initiative, spearheaded by foundation director Michelle Katen.

Katen predicts that an improved salary for public school teachers would prove beneficial for SFCS.

"With the possible increase in public school salaries, it creates an awareness for our families to continue the discussions about working to stay competitive," said Katen.

"When the disparity in salaries is openly reported, our families can see the importance of the Teachers and Staff Salary Initiative for making an impact next year. Taking steps to show appreciation and our goals for retaining staff is critical at this time."

For many, raising the teacher salary is a necessity.

"Our state ranks 50th in the nation for teacher salaries, and the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools teachers make less than public school teachers in the state," said assistant principal Joan Mahoney. "Our teachers are the best in the region."

But despite the current pay, SFCS teachers find a variety of reasons to continue teaching in this system.

"It's a faith based community but more than that, it is a community. Within a short time, I knew that this was where I wanted to be and this was

where I wanted my kids to be and that was 18 years ago," said Sheila McQuade.

With a possible increase in public school and SFCS teacher salaries, the draw of teaching in the SFCS system grows.

"Teaching in the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools makes you a part of an incredible community that is hard to describe. The ability to grow in your faith while pursuing your career is an amazing opportunity," said Katen. "While not every day is easy, it is very rewarding."

## Student council election process features changes

Shreya Chandran  
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The student council election process has undergone some changes. The process is now online and ballots are sent to students through their school email addresses.

"We used online voting for a couple of reasons: it wouldn't interrupt instructional time, it was easy to capture results, and it was similar to civil voting- only people who choose to vote or are compelled to will choose candidates. This ideally would eliminate people randomly voting for someone," said Michelle Shields.

There was some concern that many students would choose not to vote or forget before the dead-

line. This was unfounded as a majority of the student body cast their vote.

"Close to two-thirds of the students voted, which was a good turnout for the first year," said Shields.

In addition to the online format, the council size was reduced and the election takes place in January.

"I see positives and negatives with the new student council election process. On the plus, we have condensed the size of the council into 19 members and a single committee from the previous 45 members in three committees. I believe this will help us be more effective and communicative in our work," said junior Michael Sulaiman.

"I don't like the time of the elections however. With the elections in January, this leaves half of the year where no seniors will participate in student council."

Though the process has changed, the reasons for joining the council stay the same.

"I'm involved with student council because it is an effective outlet for me to apply creativity and leadership skills to better the O'Gorman community. In student council we get to see our ideas directly contribute to changes and the betterment of O'Gorman for our student body," said Sulaiman.

The newly elected members of student council are similarly enthused.

"I'm glad my class trusted me to lead them. I hope to make the school an even better place for students," said freshman Ben Breske.

With the change in process and size, the students will have to adjust their perception of student council's goals and reach.

"I think campaigning will become more important with online voting. It will be essential to get your name out there and encourage everyone to vote," said Shields.

Along with the logistical alterations, the purpose of student council has shifted as well.

"Our focus this year is on leadership. We spent our first meeting discussing and analyzing different leadership qualities, such

as being organized, assertiveness, effective communication, perseverance and cooperation, that each member brings to the group. Obviously responsibility, respect, dedication, loyalty are also important characteristics," said Shields.

"The change in the student council election process is a reflection of the ongoing development of group," said Shields.

The student council is comprised of both new and returning members from grades 9-11.

"I think we have a very good group of individuals who will represent their respective classes well. They are enthusiastic and willing to serve the needs of the OG community!"



# Empty Bowls raises funds for local charities in city

Ben Longley  
Assistant Editor

Once a year O’Gorman hosts the Empty Bowls fundraiser. This year was no different. Empty Bowls is an annual fundraiser aimed at supporting the poor and homeless in Sioux Falls and surrounding areas.

On March 2 this year’s Empty Bowls was held. With help from local businesses who donated soup and bread, and parents and staff, who provided bars, cookies, and pies for dessert, O’Gorman was able to again provide a delicious meal.

“Empty Bowls has a unique community aspect to it because it brings the students, the families, and the businesses of the community together,” said theology teacher Ms. Michelle Shields.

In addition to ticket sales, pottery bowls, created by O’Gorman students and art teacher Mr. Gary Siska, were also sold to help raise money.

“During Lent we are called to give alms, whether that be through time, talent, or treasure,” said senior Regina Fischer.

“I find it amazing how the art students and Mr. Siska work together to make bowls for Empty Bowls which are sold to raise money for the cause,” said senior Joey Marino. The bowls were included with the higher priced



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Students serve soup at the Empty Bowls event. The event is used to raise funds for local charities.

tickets, of which only 100 were available for purchase.

Not only was Empty Bowls a meal that supported the local community, it was also a way for students to volunteer their time to help the community. Each year approximately 200 O’Gorman students sacrifice their time to volunteer at Empty Bowls.

“Students can help at Empty Bowls by greeting people at the door, serving food, washing dishes, cleaning up the cafeteria, and by picking up the soups from restaurants,” said Shields.

“One of my favorite parts of Empty Bowls was cleaning up after the event with my friends. Having the opportunity to volunteer for such a good cause was

truly rewarding and being able to do it together as a student body made the experience even better,” Marino said.

Empty Bowls is also a great way to participate in Lent.

“I believe that Empty Bowls is a beautiful way to celebrate the Lenten season,” said Fischer. “At Empty Bowls you see those who give their treasure through their monetary donations, people who give their time by serving at Empty Bowls, and people who give their talent by donating delicious baked goods and soups.”

This year’s proceeds from Empty Bowls went to benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, the St. Francis House and the Food Pantry.

# Fr. Haggerty shares thoughts on upcoming Holy Week

Fr. Shaun Haggerty  
Guest Writer



Holy Week is the holiest time of the year, even holier than Christmas. It is the death and resurrection of our Lord. Each of us, as a mature Christian, is called to live out the life of Christ. We are members of His body, and He is the head. If He the head died, then we the body must die with Him. If He then rose, we too will rise with Him.

It is a mystery how we can die with Christ and rise with Him, therefore we call it the “Paschal Mystery.” Those who share in the Paschal Mystery will have eternal life.

Jesus gave us the ability to participate in that power. Through baptism and the Eucharist, we are members of His body and so we can die with Him and rise with Him and bring about the salvation of souls united to Him.

During this Holy Week spend more time in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Get to confession. Go to all the special Masses and Good Friday service. Also pull an all-nighter by going to the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday night - it is absolutely awesome.

I love the Easter Vigil. I love all the readings the symbolism of everything. I love to sing the “Exsultet”, a very ancient prayer. I especially have a love for the Easter Vigil Mass because four years ago at that Mass I got to bring my own mother fully into the Catho-

lic Church.

She was a Protestant growing up and at the age of 69 she got Confirmed and received first Holy Communion. My mother died on May 11 this past year and there was nothing more beautiful than having Mass in her nursing home room and giving her a little drop of the precious blood a few hours before she died. I could do all this because of the Easter Vigil. It is a powerful night because there are people there who are becoming Catholic and it is an absolutely life changing experience.

For those who truly take the time to pray and come to the parish liturgies, this week, if you let it, will truly change you. There is a line in the Exsultet prayer that always strikes me and sums up Holy Week: “The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, and restores lost innocence.” Everyone wants to have the opportunity to start again and Holy Week gives that opportunity with Christ’s death and resurrection.

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## Interp, debate teams qualify for nationals

Melissa Sierra  
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The O'Gorman speech and debate team had a successful run at the national qualifying tournament, qualifying a total of eight interpers and four debaters for the upcoming national tournament this June.

"The 2016 national qualifier is in the books," said interp coach Teresa Fester. "We had a wonderful group of kids. O'Gorman received the Chapter Award for the NSDA and coach Greg LaFollette received the Volunteer of the Year Award."

The O'Gorman interp team swept the tournament, with 19 of their initial 20 entries making it to final rounds. They will have qualifiers representing O'Gorman in each interp category.

The following individuals will be competing at nationals: junior Nick McCoy in informative, senior Shreya Chandran in POI, junior Samuel Billion in humor, senior Emmy Bear in drama, seniors Sean Miles and Kelly Maxwell in duo, and junior Cassidy Schoen-

hard and senior Claire Berman in original oratory.

The interpers believe their success came from the hard work of their coaches.

"We want to thank Fester, Rachel Anderson, Tyler Jacobsen, and Greg LaFollette for everything they've done for us," said Chandran. "They've given us the skills to be successful in all the other parts of our lives as well as in interp. The only thing left to say is thank you."

Looking to the future, the interp team will continue to prepare as they have been prior to the qualifier tournament.

"We will prep as usual and are very happy with all the competitors and their performances," said Fester. "As a coach I feel blessed to have so many kids value the activity and support each other through it all."

The debate team had similar success, qualifying one team in public forum and two extempers in both international and domestic extemp.

Public forum qualifiers, ju-

niors Alex King and Sam Diedrich, went undefeated the entire tournament, owing their success to extra hours of preparation.

"They were willing to put in the time that it takes to get themselves ready for the tournament," said debate coach Bob Stevens. "They didn't tell me because I'm sure they knew that I would have discouraged it, but I learned Saturday that Sam and Alex continued working on their Public Forum cases after the Friday night competition, which ended around 10:00."

The extemporaneous speech qualifiers, seniors Zach Shaw and Chris Lauer, will face unique challenges at the national tournament, but Stevens remains confident in their abilities.

"I don't have any doubt that Zach and Chris can write and prepare extemp speeches of National Tournament caliber, but their big challenge is to polish their delivery skills," said Stevens. "Zach competed at Des Moines Dowling this year and reached the semi-finals against



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The debate team poses with their awards after the national qualifier. Four debaters will compete at nationals.

National Tournament type competition, so he has an idea of what it takes to be successful."

Nerves were an issue for Shaw prior to his final round. However, he gained confidence in knowing he had done well in previous rounds.

"I was really, really nervous going into my last round," said Shaw. "But what gave me comfort was that I was going into it hav-

ing four ups, and I knew I could do well."

Of the 16 debaters who competed for O'Gorman at the national qualifier, 13 will be returning next year.

The 2016 National Speech and Debate Tournament will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah from June 12-17.

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Senior Rachel Townsend passes the ball to Emily Kolbeck. O'Gorman finished the regular season 17-3.

## Lady Knights rally for big wins after three game losing streak

Ethan French  
Assistant Editor

The girls started the season on a tear, winning 12 straight games. As of late, getting into more inner city opponents, the girls have not dominated as much. They lost three consecutive games to Lincoln, St. Thomas More, and Washington.

The Lady Knights rebounded from their losing streak, winning four in a row. Washington came to O'Gorman on Feb. 16 and the Lady Knights battled to win 44-26. In their first meeting the Warriors won 50-41.

The Brookings Bobcats game with the Lady Knights went into overtime on Feb. 18. O'Gorman came out on top with the help of junior Ashlee Beacom's eight point overtime performance.

The regular season is closing and the playoffs are here.

"This is when it counts," said senior Rachel Townsend.

The Lady Knights sit in second in power points at 44.00 right behind Washington at 45.75.

"We feel like on any given night we are capable of competing with anyone," said coach Kent Kolsrud. "We are continu-

ally improving and hope to be playing our best basketball at tournament time."

According to Kolsrud the girls are excited for the post-season where they could likely be the second seed if they make it to state.

There is plenty of competition and any team can pull off an upset any night. The 7-13 Bobcats showed that by controlling the Knights in the first half on the 18th, with a score of 18-7.

The Lady Knights are 17-3.

"You can't count us out," said Townsend. "We are a really good team."

## Powerlifters poised for strong showings at SD state meet

Connor Bell  
Assistant Editor

The Knights are on to state powerlifting after having successful showings so far this season.

Upperclassmen and underclassmen alike have hopes of a state title and hopefully a national title as well. Seniors Logan Kobernusz, Andrew White, Ethan Thompson and Lucas Anderson lead the team.

"It isn't just about lifting but teaching some of the underclassmen how to lift," said White.

With state drawing closer the intensity in the weight room picks up.

"You can really notice that it is a different atmosphere in the room," said Thompson. "It is much more of everyone striving to do the best you can not just to lift for the fun".

With state scheduled for March 5 powerlifters are hoping to bring back several state titles. The team is eager to achieve this goal through hard work and dedication.

The Knights are hopeful that



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Senior Andrew White prepares to squat at the O'Gorman Powerlifting meet.

the seniors and coach Casey Raaen can lead them to success. Several gaps had to be filled with the loss of last year's seniors.

Powerlifters do not just focus on lifting heavy objects but also preparing for other sports as well.

The state meet is the only big meet left for everyone before the select few take the journey to Orlando, Florida for nationals. For seniors like Jimmy Pio, Kobernusz, Gunnar Sommer-vold, Noah Anderson, and Sam Carlson, this represents the goal of the season to get a national ranking.

## Six wrestlers qualify for state tournament after strong regions

Joe Angerhofer  
Assistant Editor

As the season comes to an end the wrestlers made a surge on the way to state which took place February 27.

"Regions is really the meet to make or break the team," said senior Gage Hillberg. "So much rides on that meet and seeing so many of us succeed shows how far we've come."

"If we can learn to make the first move, and bring our hips to the party we'll be in a pretty good shape for the end of the season," said Hillberg.

Hillberg is one of six Knights that participated in state this year. Along with him Tigh Hight, TJ Scheafer, Jonathan Binstock, Patric Sproles and Adam Heap were by his side representing O'Gorman.

"A strength our team has is the condition we are in. We are one of the better conditioned teams in the state and it's going to be a big advantage," said Hillberg.

Hillberg credits drill partner senior Patrick Sproles for most of his success.

"We really work hard everyday and challenge each other to consistently get better," said Sproles. "We push the envelope and get in each other's faces but we both know it's for the best."

The two teammates are familiar with one another because they have been working together since August when they were both playing offensive line for the Knights.

"The longer you work with someone, the more you begin to understand that person and become better able to challenge them," said Sproles.

As the season ends they both agreed that staying in shape was pivotal to their success. On top of the team's success, coach Matt Lynch won region honors, which recognizes the best coach in the region. He is also excited to bring the biggest Knights team to state in the past seven years.

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## Knights prepare for postseason

Ben Longley  
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As the regular season draws to a close, the boys basketball team begins preparing for districts and state.

After a 15-5 regular season the Knights are confident heading into the postseason.

"We have a really good one-two punch in the paint that seem to compliment some really good perimeter guys that can score," said head coach Derek Robey.

"We've had a quite successful season so far," said senior forward Jimmy Burma. "Every day at practice we try to improve on working together as a team instead of just doing our own thing."

Despite their success so far, the Knights still have some areas to improve on.

"We need to improve on the defensive side of the ball. We need to see better rebounding and less defensive fouls," said senior Ben Lauer.

On Feb. 13 the Knights defeated the Sioux City North Stars 77-67, led by Lauer who



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Junior Matt Cartwright looks to pass against a Brookings defender. The Knights look to have a strong postseason showing this year.

had a career high with 30 points. The Knights then suffered a loss at home against Washington, ending their eight game winning streak. Despite leading 27-26 at half, the Knights lost 69-56 after a second half surge by the Warriors. After the loss to Washing-

ton, the Knights turned things around and beat the Brookings Bobcats 76-71.

Districts began Tuesday March 1 and continue on Friday March 4. The state tournament is March 17-19.

## Bowlers enjoy friendship, competition as season ends with state tourney at Empire

Grace Wallin  
Staff Writer

The O'Gorman bowling team has had an exciting season so far and hopes to finish the year strong at state.

"This season was really exciting because at the start we didn't think we would have enough people to try out for a boys team, but we ended up getting plenty," said senior bowler Taryn Sakry. "Everyone seems eager to learn and improve."

The team's improvement could be seen at the Howie-Kolhoff Tournament held at Eastway Bowl on Feb 13. O'Gorman placed second in the tournament out of eight teams. This was O'Gorman's first tournament after having competed in several matches between rival clubs and schools throughout the season.

The HowieKolhoff Tournament employed a new system of scoring brackets this year.

Normally a tournament be-

gins with six games of bakers, which is a team of five bowlers. After this the teams are put into brackets and the brackets operate by double elimination.

This year the teams bowled two games of Baker and the team with the highest total from both games winning that round. The championship game then changes to best three out of five.

The bowling team competed in the state bowling tournament on Feb 26. It was held at Empire Bowl and hosted 12 competing schools. While O'Gorman bowling team members looked to compete and place well in the state tournament, just being together as a team and enjoying the experience was hugely rewarding.

"I am looking forward to seeing all of the other bowlers and watching how well they do," said first year bowler and senior Chris Schall. "Meeting new people and competing with my friends is the best part."



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## Catholic universities have strong showing during tournament

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Villanova set the stage last year for Catholic schools in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament in March. The last time a Catholic school won the NCAA tournament was in 1985, which was Villanova.

Then they were an eight seed so they were relative underdogs because of how they were seeded. March is here and Villanova is ranked in the top five and look to be seeded as a one or two in the tournament.

Villanova was a number one seed in 2015 and lost in the second round to North Carolina State.

Among the most stable Catholic teams, "Villanova and Xavier are consistently in the tournament," said Mr. Patrick Frankman.

Villanova's high rank is enough to give spectators confidence.

"I could see them going deep into the tournament," said Frankman.

Villanova is not the only highly ranked Catholic school. Xavier, Notre Dame, Saint Joseph's, St. Bonaventure, Providence, and Seton Hall are all in the top 50 for Ranked Percentage Index. RPI is a combination of wins, losses, and strength of schedule.

When schools are picked for the final 64 teams that enter the tournament, RPI is crucial in seeding. The top 25 teams in the country are decided by the As-

sociated Press. There is also a coaches top 25 team poll.

Four Catholic teams crack into the top 25 in the AP poll as well as the coaches poll.

Villanova is led by junior Josh Hart who is averaging 14.8 points per game and senior Ryan Arcidiacono who is averaging 12.1 points per game.

Xavier is led by sophomore Trevon Bluiett. He is averaging 15.3 points per game. The second and third leading scorers for the Musketeers are averaging just over 10 ppg.

Notre Dame's leading scorers are junior Demetrius Jackson with 16.6 ppg and senior Zach Auguste who is averaging a double double, 14.0 ppg and 10.1 rebounds per game.

"Notre Dame is performing unexpectedly well the past couple of seasons," said senior Connor Hurley. "In the past they have been known primarily as a football school, but the basketball program is developing into a contender."

The Providence Friars are headed by junior guard Kris Dunn. Up and coming in the National Basketball Association, he seems to be picked in the top five of every mock draft. Right now he is averaging 17.3 ppg and his counterpart, Ben Bentil, averages 20.3.

With all of the rankings, polls, and mock drafts including all of these Catholic schools and their players, a trophy might not evade the Catholic schools for the 21st straight season.



## Caped Crusader, Man of Steel face off in DC's *Dawn of Justice*

Joe Angerhofer  
Assistant Editor

Batman is back, but this time he will be sharing the screen with Superman. With *The Dark Knight Rises* bringing in \$448 million and *Man of Steel* adding \$668 million for a total of \$1.12 billion dollars, superheroes should certainly be a hit.

An algorithm created to predict the amount of money earned thinks just the opposite.

The researchers, whose work is published in the journal of Social Computing, Behavioural-Cultural Modelling and Prediction, looked at 2,506 movies that came out between 2000 and 2010 to determine how a movie would do in the box office.

After everything was accounted for, the film was given a 32 percent chance of making a profit. An issue with the movie

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-Sam Burnison

is how much money is being put in the payroll for the actors and actresses.

"Prediction or not superhero movies are hot right now. Everyone loves seeing super people do super stuff," said senior Jack Peery.

Peery may be onto something. In the last 10 years, five superhero movies have been the top grossing movie of their specific year.

"The action keeps me coming back," said senior Morgan Roth. "They have a wow factor that other movies don't seem to have."

Others find interest in the 'destructive' powers of these heroes.

"I really like how the superhero movies come together and just create huge battles where whole cities are destroyed," said junior Sam Burnison. "Everyone likes battles where things get pulverized - the more destruction the better."

*Superman v. Batman* has lots of potential seeing that Superman destroyed most of Metropolis in his last movie. Add another superhero and a supervillain both as indestructible as Superman and destruction could reign.

## Panic! at the Disco unveils new sound with *Death of a Bachelor*

Melissa Sierra  
Assistant Editor

Panic! at the Disco has been an emo-punk staple since its single "I Write Sins not Tragedies" released back in 2006. Since then, the band and frontman Brendon Urie have tried hard to shake this perceived persona and grow into a more mature "art rock" scene.

With Urie remaining as the only original band member, their new album *Death of a Bachelor* has served as an outlet for Urie's creative pursuits.

Owing its name to Urie's recent marriage and subsequent 'death' of his notorious bachelor lifestyle, Urie employs a variety

of musical genres throughout the album while still maintaining a signature Panic! sound.

The mix of big band, 1930s swing era, electronic dance music, rock and pop make this album the most diverse and unorthodox that the band has ever developed.

It is no surprise then that *Death of a Bachelor* is being hailed as the band's crowning achievement, even if some of the songs fall flat.

Particularly Urie's choice to end the album on the ballad "Impossible Year" is the most detrimental decision for the album. Urie has a tendency to end on sadder notes, seen in the last song of Panic!'s fourth album.



Although overall hurtful to the upbeat feel of *Death of a Bachelor*, "Impossible Year" is heavy on "quoteable" lyrics, something

fans will enjoy. However, in comparison to the rest of the album, "Impossible Year" is a disappointing end to an overall great CD.

The single "Death of a Bachelor", to which the album owes its name, is where we see Urie clearly trying to emulate Frank Sinatra. Urie himself has stated this album to be a mix between "Sinatra and Queen."

However, "Death of a Bachelor" is clearly influenced by the Sinatra side. Urie's belting voice lends itself surprisingly well to the crooning-Sinatra style, a fair representation of Urie's growth as a musician.

Although a new sound due to Urie's free creative reign, 'The

Good The Bad And The Dirty' and 'Don't Threaten Me With a Good Time', which borrows from B-52's 'Rock Lobster' are reminiscent of early Panic! songs.

Lastly, singles 'Victorious', 'Hallelujah', and 'Emperor's New Clothes' stand out as highlights in an already outstanding album. All three are very different musically, but share Urie's distinct vocal intensity and range.

Overall, *Death of a Bachelor* has achieved its goal in separating Panic! at the Disco from its more youthful roots. Urie clearly used this as an opportunity to explore his own musical interests, and it paid off.



# What is the funniest thing a teacher has ever said to you?



“Mr. Lorang always says ‘don’t do stupid’.”  
-Maria Johnson



“Mr. Lorang says that bad grades are bad pookie.”  
- Nick Billion



“In elementary school, my teacher asked if I caught her drift and I thought she was talking about flatulence.”  
- Cassie Schoenhard



“Mrs. Fauteck said she wouldn’t vote for me if I ran for president.”  
-Zach Shaw



“A student used the excuse ‘I’m praying’ to hide their phone in their hands.”  
- Mrs. Fauteck

# Students Beware: It’s a full detention for quarter zips

Joe Angerhofer  
Ben Longley

Dresscode is something that every O’Gorman student is obligated to follow, and Mr. Van Engen and Mr. Whiting - a.k.a. the O-wing snipers - will make sure that all students do just that. The dress code is in place so that students look professional and consistent.

Although the dresscode is clearly outlined in the student handbook, students still seem to have difficulty deciphering between what is appropriate dress code and what is just a recent fad.

Students are required to wear a polo with or without a sweater, or a turtleneck sweater. The O’Gorman uniform policy also requires students to wear khaki pants, and brown or black leather dress shoes.

Students are not allowed to have any visible tattoos or excessive body piercings. Jewelry must also be kept to a minimum.

One of the main issues with the dress code is that the line has blurred on what a sweater is. In addition to that, some sweaters, such as a Patagonia, have collars which lead to controversy over whether a polo is required under it or not. However turtleneck sweaters do not require a polo to be worn underneath.

According to assistant principal Mrs. Joan Mahoney, a polo is required under sweaters whether or not they have a collar.

Another dress code issue that



hits especially close to home is the clean shave policy. As manly men ourselves we believe that males should be able to grow out a full and healthy set of whiskers if we so choose.

A properly maintained face forest can add to a student’s overall appearance and can help them feel more confident and therefore perform better academically (citation pending). Not to mention that South Dakota gets colder than the North Pole in the winter and a beard is a much needed commodity.

It is also frowned upon in this establishment for a man to have beautiful flowing locks of hair. Males are required to keep their hair above their eyebrows and in the back their hair must not be long enough to touch their collar.

Despite continued opposition from students, there will be no changes to the dress code any time soon.

The dress code is reviewed and subject to change every five

years and there are still two more years until the next review.

When dress code is up for review, here are our suggestions:

1. Allow quarter zips. They are comfortable and look professional. There is no reason to ban this perfectly professional-looking piece of apparel while allowing sweaters.

2. Relax the shaving policy. Beards look fine.

3. Allow tennis shoes. Many students are involved in activities and wearing dress shoes eight hours a day can affect feet negatively. We were allowed to wear tennis shoes in the junior high. Let’s continue this here at the high school.

4. Make it simple. Ultimately, the dress code needs to be simplified. Deciphering what is and is not okay should not be as difficult as comprehending tax code. Many students walk the halls of O’Gorman in fear wondering whether they will be the next victims of a dress code violation.

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